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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—E. ALGER, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMERIQUE FRANCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row, New York.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—Gordon & Gooch, Melbourne and Sydney.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., The Apothecaries' Company, Colombo.

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Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 5; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit, may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented when making payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked, on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL..... £2,000,000
PAID-UP..... £500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, The Strand, London.

BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE BANK ACQUIRES Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits:—

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 3 " 3 "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the Balances of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.

Agency of THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,

Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1038

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP..... \$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND..... \$1,000,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION \$ 200,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS..... \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—A. M. GAGE, Esq.

Deputy Chairman.—M. GAGE, Esq.

J. J. BELL ISING, Esq.

G. H. HOLLOWAY, Esq.

O. D. STONEY, Esq.

E. H. M. HUNTING,

H. L. DALTRY, Esq.

H. A. P. McEWEN,

H. F. D. SASSOON,

Esq.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Thomas LICKOR, Esq.

Acting Chief Manager.—JOHN WALTER, Esq.

Manager.

Shanghai, Ewen CAMERON, Esq.

London Bankers.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits granted on London, and the other Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 23, 1886. 947

Intimations.

THE LEE YUEN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General MEETING of the Company will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 27th of October, 1886, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at the Office of C. Evans, Solicitor, No. 45, Queen's Road, for the purpose of having the account of the Liquidators laid before the Company and of hearing the explanation of the Liquidators.

Dated 25th September, 1886. 1840

ANDREW JOHNSTON,
LAU WAI CHUEN,
LAI KING TIN. Liquidators.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS contributed during the Half-Year ended 30th June, 1886, or before the 30th September next, on which date the accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

DAVID GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 30, 1886. 1688

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of October, 1886, at 12 o'clock, Noon, when the abridged Resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 20th day of September, 1886, will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution.

That Article No. 17 in the Articles of Association be altered by eliminating therefrom the figures \$100,000, where they appear twice therein and substituting for such figures, the figures \$150,000.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Dated 20th day of September, 1886. 1809

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year 1886, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1886.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 23rd instant to the 2nd Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 20, 1886. 1814

HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE HOTEL is now prepared to SUPPLY PICNIC PARTIES, &c., with all Requirements on Moderate Terms.

A. FUNSECO, Assistant Manager.

Hongkong, September 7, 1886. 1728

CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY.

(HONGKONG EXCHANGE.)

THE above COMPANY is about to OPEN a BRANCH at this Port to be worked on the same principle as the SHANGHAI EXCHANGER, which has met with the greatest success since instruments of the latest pattern have been in use.

Subscription for One Telephone is \$80 per Annum, payable Quarterly in advance.

ELECTRIC BILLS, &c., supplied.

For full Particulars, apply to

A. J. THOMPSON,
4, Club Chambers,

Agent,
CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE CO.,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, September 22, 1886. 1827

TENDES.

TO Meet the increasing requirements of our Business, we have leased the SHOP recently occupied by Mr. H. CAMPBELL, Hairdresser, and have opened up communication between it and our Original Premises.

In making this intimation to our Customers, we would also inform them that our NEW AUTUMN STOCK is now being shown, replete in all the latest Styles and Materials, and Purchasers may rely upon obtaining from us, only Goods that are new and in good condition; all Stock that had deteriorated from any cause whatever having been Sold at Auction a few weeks ago, as we do not consider it to our advantage to keep old Stock from year to year.

From our practical knowledge of Tailoring, Shirt-making, and Gentlemen's Outfitting, to which we confine ourselves, we can ensure our Customers careful attention, good value, and punctuality in the fulfilment of orders.

Hongkong, September 16, 1886. 1788

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Hongkong, September 16, 1886. 1788

VICTORIA HOTEL,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The ACCOMMODATION and SERVICE of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, BILLIARD, and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

CONTINENTAL languages are spoken.

MESRS. DORABEE & HING KEE,

Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 10, 1885. 1612

THE BON MARCHE.

(CHEAP MARKET.)

ADMIRING THE STAG HOTEL (NEXT DOOR).

CONSISTING OF A STOCK OF FANCY AND USEFUL ARTICLES,

At Cash Prices and for Cash only.

PIPES, TOBACCO, CIGARS, BOOKS, NOVELS, MUSIC,

WATCHES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, ALBUMS, KNIVES, CUTLERY, LEATHER GOODS,

THE CHINA MAIL.

For Sale.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.

Smoked HAMS.

Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.

Assorted SYRUPS.

CUTTING'S TABLE FRUITS.

ASPARAGUS.

Queen OLIVES.

Sausage MEAT.

CAVIAR.

Potted MEATS.

MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.

Eagle Brand MILK.

Lamb's TONGUES.

Green CORN.

Baked BEANS.

BRAWN.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT
of COOKING AND PARLOUR

STOVES.

AGATE IRON WARE COOKING

UTENSILS.

WOFFLE IRONS.

CHARCOAL IRONS.

KEROSENE LAMPS.

NONPARELL KEROSENE OIL.

WINES, &c.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. & Qts. @

\$11 and \$12.

OUR CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qts. @ \$12

and \$14.

SAINT-EMERSON SHERRY.

SAINT-EMERSON'S INVALID PORT.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

HUNTING'S CHERRY CORDIAL.

ASSORTED LIQUEURS.

DRAUGHT, ALE and PORTER.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

of OILMAN'S STORES,

at the

Lowest Possible Prices

FOR CASH.

FOR SALE.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1203

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE,

Quarts..... \$30 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints..... \$21 " 2 "

Dubois Frères & Gérard & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS AND WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley-Bee' WHISKY.—\$7 per Case of 1 doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, July 18, 1886. 1147

FOR SALE.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE HONAN will make a TRIP to MACAO and back on SUNDAY, the 3rd October, leaving HONGKONG at 9 a.m., and Macao at 9 p.m.

First Class Fare to Macao and back, \$2. No Second Class or Single Fares. Chinese Servants, 50 Cents each way. No China will be taken.

Refreshments will be supplied on Board, but no Meals.

By Order,

T. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 27, 1886. 1853

FOR SALE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

The Steamship

Polyphemus,

Captain F. NAGEL, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 7th October, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SLEIMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1886. 1849

FOR SALE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s

Steamship

Verona

will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward English Mails.

E. L. WOODIN,

Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, September 27, 1886. 1855

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Secretary.

Hongkong, September 27, 1886. 1853

FOR SALE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZU, PORT SAID, MARSEILLE, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bill of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSONAL GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY's Steamship ANCONA, Captain S. F. COLI, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from the port for LONDON direct, via SUEZ CANAL and usual Ports of Call, on TUESDAY, 12th October, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY's Office, HONGKONG.

Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Slippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

N.B.—This Steamer takes Passengers and Cargo for MARSEILLE.

E. L. WOODIN,

Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 27, 1886. 1856

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates to NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW CHGWANG, TIENTSHIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)The Co.'s Steamship
Palmes, Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above on TOMORROW, the 25th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1886. 1850

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.
The Co.'s Steamship
Norway, Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above on TOMORROW, the 26th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 27, 1886. 1852

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates to NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW CHGWANG, TIENTSHIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)The Co.'s Steamship
Palms, Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 2nd October.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1886. 1851

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY (DIRECT) AND MELBOURNE.
(Taking through Cargo for ADELAIDE, TASMANIA and NEW ZEALAND.)The British Steamship
Panama, Captain ROWLEY, due on the 29th Inst., with part Cargo from JAPAN and FOOCHEW, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th PROXIMO, at 4 p.m.

The Steamer has excellent Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Managers.

Hongkong, September 27, 1886. 1857

CLEARND.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SLEIMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1886. 1849

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Petritos, from SAIGON, 110 Chinese. Per Palms, for AMOY and SHANGHAI. Mount Lebanon, for NEW CHGWANG. Achilles, for FOOCHEW. Quarto, for CHEFOO. Melita, for HAIPHONG. Riga, for FOOCHEW. Ying Ching, for SWATOW. Kaisou, for SAIGON, and London.

Correspondence should be marked PER AIR MAIL, or with the name of the Packets.

For PALESTINE.

Per Polypheus, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 6th October.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Yantze* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 30th September, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and places beyond, via Nankin, to SAIGON, and Settlements, BATAVIA, BURMAH, CEYLON, the AUSTRALIAN Colonies, PONDERHAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, MARRAKESH, EGYPT, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, &c., &c.

The hours observed in closing the Mails, &c., will be the same as in the case of the French Packet.

Correspondence should be marked PER AIR MAIL, or with the name of the Packet.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Sabine* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 2d October, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Pern, &c., &c., which will be closed as follows:

2.15 P.M. Report ceases.

3.00 P.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

SHARE LIST.—NOTIFICATIONS.

DEPARTED.

Per Kut Sung, for SWATOW, &c., Messrs Master, Glass, Kennedy, Lawrie and Malcom, and 50 Chinese.
Per Amoy, for SHANGHAI, Mr. J. P. Wilkinson, for YUNG CHING, for FOOCHEW, 4 Chinese.
Per Haiphong, for COAST PORTS, 2 European and 350 Chinese.
Per Melita, for HAIPHONG, 12 Chinese.
Per Quarto, for CHEFOO, 12 Chinese.
Per China, for SAIGON, 10 Chinese.
Per Frej, for HAIPHONG, 20 Chinese.
Per Borice, for SAIGON, &c., 577 Chinese; for SINGAPORE, Mr. Andrew Hopkins.
Per Kaisow, for SINGAPORE, 12 Chinese.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight—Palmed leaves for SHANGHAI.

Noon—Name leaves for COAST PORTS.

5 P.M.—Kamrada leaves for MANILA, &c.

Auctions.

2 P.M.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at No. 6, Mosque Terrace.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the CAMBODIA must be sent to

MESSRS. CHATER & FRANCIS, on or before this date.

Claims against the JAPAN must be made on or before this date.

The present value of the JAPAN must be made on or before this date.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, September 27.—

THE CHINA MAIL.

The representative crew of the Victoria Recreation Club left here this afternoon for Shanghai in the Indo-China Co.'s steamer *Kulang*. The crew consists of Mr. T. Glass (stroke), Mr. G. C. O. Master (No. 3), Mr. T. Kennedy (No. 2) and Lieut. Lawrie, R.A. (Bow). Mr. J. Sampson who was to have accompanied the crew as a spare man has now withdrawn, so that in the event of any member of the crew breaking down, or being unable to pull for any other reason, the coxswain will, in all probability, fall through. At present, of course, there does not seem much likelihood of this, as all the men are in good condition and soon likely to turn up fit at the Regatta. The crew is almost the strongest that could have been put forward. All four men are first class rowers and three of them have already distinguished themselves at the local meetings.

With reference to the recent riot at Nagaoka the *Rising Sun* says:—The joint commission, appointed to investigate a disturbance upon the recent Chinese riot affair, during the past week, with the exception of Saturday, the 11th, and Thursday, the 16th. On the 11th, the meeting was not held in deference to the arrival of the Chinese officials concerned, the enquiry is being dropped out to a most unnecessary length; in fact, if rumours and reports are to be credited, at the present rate of progress there is very little prospect of the matter being settled for some weeks, and it may drag on into months—if it is ever settled at all!

The *Japan Gazette* of the 16th instant says:—We regret to have to announce the death, last evening, of Mrs. Stibolt, an old and respected resident in Yokohama. The deceased lady had for some months been suffering from the effects of a paralytic stroke, but was recovering when she met with a most unfortunate accident. A lighted candle which had been placed by the side of the bed was blown out by a sudden gust of wind, and while she was re-lighting it she had the misfortune to set fire to the mosquito curtain. The unfortunate lady then used her best endeavours to extinguish the flames, but received several severe burns in the operation. This accident gave the alarm a sudden shock, which, combined with the inflammation caused by the burns, brought on another and more severe attack of her old complaint, from which she succumbed last night.

The *Chieh Niho* says that the fee paid by the Chinese Government to Mr. Drummond for his services at Nagasaki is 100 taels, or 135 yuan, daily. At that rate his stipend from the 24th ultimo, when he left Shanghai, until the 9th instant—the date of the *Chieh Niho*'s information—would be 2,285 yen. Unless rumour is much mistaken, this money is not likely to bring China any valuable return. The attitude assumed by Mr. Drummond is said to be in the last degree calculated to complicate the negotiations and to render an amicable settlement impossible. It is to be hoped that the common-sense of the Chinese will teach them, while there is yet time, that sound statesmanship does not entrap the unravelling of international entanglements to the narrow-minded and stubborn management of legal partisans.—*Japan Mail*.

A DARING robbery was committed yesterday in the premises of Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. It appears that shortly before closing the establishment on Saturday some individual had hid himself in a remote corner and had remained there mute and motionless till all was dark and still in the shop and work rooms. He had then stealthily made his way to the front shop and coolly prepared for himself as comfortable a bed as he could arrange out of the materials at his disposal. He spread two pillows over the counter, selected a small package of socks for a pillow, and begirt himself with a sheet to keep himself warm. To what length of time his slumbers extended in his comodious quarters it is not known, but there he must have remained during all Saturday night and Sunday and up to an early hour this morning. During this time he managed to make a good survey of the place as the darkness would permit. His first visit appeared to have been made to the room of the pianotuner, where he possessed himself of a chisel and file. With the aid of these instruments he opened four desks, in two of which he found sums amounting in all to about \$130. One of the desks he robbed was that of Mr. David Crawford, in which he found only \$16; the other was that of Mr. Bear, in which the thief found a much larger booty, managing to grab about \$116. Having secured his treasure, he had laid himself down to rest again till the early hours of this morning, when he climbed up to the window nearest Queen's Road looking out on the small lane leading to the Fraya. From this window he let himself down by a rope into the lane, and then made off with his stolen dollars. The presence of a rope attached to the window was observed on Sunday by the Indian watchman, who asked the Chinese watchman what it meant. The Chinaman replied somewhat to this effect: 'It is all right; Mr. McCullum knows all about it.' The Chinese watchman now denies saying anything of the sort to the Indian. Suspicion, however, strongly points to him as an accomplice of the thief. The police were informed of the robbery, and Inspector Parry and Sergeant Mann have been making active enquiries to-day. There is some ground for thinking that the robber is a Chinaman who was employed for a month or two by Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., was dismissed, and had been working latterly in another European store. This individual was well acquainted with the establishment and he was missing from his work on Saturday and Sunday.

AN EXPLANATION BY MR. FRANCIS.

27th September.

DEAR BROWNIE.—Surely current opinion in the Colony does not think so badly of me as to believe and say that I published my correspondence with Mr. Sassoon without his permission? If the public think so, I am happy to say they are mistaken. I asked Mr. Sassoon's consent to print and circulate the letters that had passed between us and he was good enough to give his permission for the publication of all but his last note to me in reply to my request for his vote. Please disseminate this widely. Your fairy power enables you to pass here, there and everywhere, and as you hearken to the mutinies that issue from the lips of society you may usefully avail yourself of the opportunity to whisper in its ears a few trifling corrections. Then ifid you will be a benignant Brownie.

Would you mind telling society at the same time that if popularity is to be the test of fitness for admission to the Council, I confess that I am like the little boy who fell out of the balloon—I'm not in it. I certainly am not popular in the same way and the same sense that Mr. Chatto is popular and deservedly popular, and I am afraid I never shall be. If the elective seats in the Council are to be given to the most successful citizens and the most popular, as the reward of his success and of his popularity, I withdraw. I really thought that public opinion had taken a rather serious turn and wanted 'ability and fighting power' on the Council, if the public might be done thoroughly and well and without any regard for personal considerations that popular men must, somehow, regard. It is so difficult for a popular man to ask questions and express doubts and urge on inquiries about this, that the other thing, without hurting people's feelings and risking some of that popularity, and it is awkward too as well as difficult. I came forward as a candidate

according to the N.C.D. News, a line of steamers to run between Ichang and Chungking seems now likely to be established, as that paper learns that Captain A. E. Knight of the *Kuang Yu*, and another gentleman are going up the Yangtze to survey it beyond Ichang.

Two Chinese mandarins now in the Philippines for the purpose of enquiring into the condition of Chinese immigrants were to leave on the 19th inst., in the little steamer *Alerta*, for a visit to some of the provinces of Iloilo, and especially the riverine waterfall at Botolan.

That following appears in the *Rising Sun*:—Within the last few weeks the Italian Government has decided to suppress its consuls at St. Petersburg, Belgrade, Shanghai, Yokohama, and Tangier, when the former duties will be performed by a secretary of legation or a clerk. It is proposed to transfer the seat of the legation in China from Peking to Shanghai.

The gunboat *Mindoro*, recently captured at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock for the Manila Government, is destined to do service in the Naval Division of the South Philippines.

With reference to the recent riot at Nagaoka the *Rising Sun* says:—The joint commission, appointed to investigate a disturbance upon the recent Chinese riot affair, during the past week, with the exception of Saturday, the 11th, and Thursday, the 16th. On the 11th, the meeting was not held in deference to the arrival of the Chinese officials concerned, the enquiry is being dropped out to a most unnecessary length; in fact, if rumours and reports are to be credited, at the present rate of progress there is very little prospect of the matter being settled for some weeks, and it may drag on into months—if it is ever settled at all!

The *Japan Gazette* of the 16th instant says:—We regret to have to announce the death, last evening, of Mrs. Stibolt, an old and respected resident in Yokohama. The deceased lady had for some months been suffering from the effects of a paralytic stroke, but was recovering when she met with a most unfortunate accident. A lighted candle which had been placed by the side of the bed was blown out by a sudden gust of wind, and while she was re-lighting it she had the misfortune to set fire to the mosquito curtain. The unfortunate lady then used her best endeavours to extinguish the flames, but received several severe burns in the operation. This accident gave the alarm a sudden shock, which, combined with the inflammation caused by the burns, brought on another and more severe attack of her old complaint, from which she succumbed last night.

The *Chieh Niho* says that the fee paid by the Chinese Government to Mr. Drummond for his services at Nagasaki is 100 taels, or 135 yuan, daily. At that rate his stipend from the 24th ultimo, when he left Shanghai, until the 9th instant—the date of the *Chieh Niho*'s information—would be 2,285 yen. Unless rumour is much mistaken, this money is not likely to bring China any valuable return. The attitude assumed by Mr. Drummond is said to be in the last degree calculated to complicate the negotiations and to render an amicable settlement impossible. It is to be hoped that the common-sense of the Chinese will teach them, while there is yet time, that sound statesmanship does not entrap the unravelling of international entanglements to the narrow-minded and stubborn management of legal partisans.—*Japan Mail*.

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